Polio cases in Western U.P.

2137. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of polio have recently been detected in Western Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected during 2004 and so far during 2005;

(c) the causes thereof; and

(d) what effective steps, are proposed to be taken to tackle the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 80 polio cases were detected from Western Uttar Pradesh during 2004 and so far 12 cases of polio have been detected during 2005.

(c) Despite continued efforts to reach all children below five years of age during Pulse Polio Immunization rounds, some children get missed from immunization as a result of which the circulation is continuing.

(d) • Six Sub-National Immunization rounds have been planned in 2005 out of which four Sub-National Immunization days have • already been implemented in Uttar Pradesh in the month of January, February, May and August, 2005 and next two are planned in the month of September and November 2005.

- Monovalent Oral Polio Vaccine (MOPV1) has been used in the high risk district during April, May and June 2005 rounds.
- There has been intensification of the under served strategy in Uttar Pradesh to enhance acceptance of polio vaccine in under-served communities by engaging community mobilizers and religious leaders.
- Emphasis are being laid in covering children in transit by deploying vaccination teams at the transit points like railway station, bus stops, highways, ferry-crossings etc.
- Vaccination teams are deployed inside moving trains to vaccinate children travelling during the rounds.

- Experienced Government staff from various States are deployed in Western Uttar Pradesh prior to and during the rounds to support micro planning, training and monitoring of activities.
- At the district level, the District Magistrates are constantly evaluating the programme through District/task-Force meeting, held before every round and suitable corrective actions are taken to improve the quality of implementation of the programme.

FDA certificate on Medical stents

†2138. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have imposed a condition of American FDA certificate for selling equipments in India, known as stent, required for opening blocked arteries of heart;

(b) whether such steps are causing a hindrance in making available cheap stents by indigenous companies;

(c) if so, the efforts being made by Government to remove them; and

(d) whether Government are also contemplating to import Chinese stents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No such condition of American FDA Certificate for selling Medical Stents, has been imposed by Government of India.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

Population stabilization and Two-Child norm

2139. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.